

Animal Care Intern Description  
The Texas Zoo

Application Deadline: December 20th 2017

**Description**

The Texas Zoo is a zoological institution located in Victoria, Texas and serves the surrounding community as a leader in conservation education. This internship is designed for undergraduate, graduate students or recently graduated students pursuing careers in animal care, conservation, education or related disciplines. The Animal Care Department of The Texas Zoo is seeking an Intern to assist with all on and off site education programs, camps, special events and the care of the education animal collection. Applicants must have reliable transportation and are responsible for their own housing, however zoo staff can help applicants find housing. The Texas Zoo internships are unpaid. If college credits are desired, it is solely the student's responsibility to coordinate through their academic institution to receive credits. Students requesting to conduct a special project during the internship must submit a proposal to be considered for approval.

**Responsibilities**

Selected applicants will assist with all functions of the Animal Care Department of The Texas Zoo. Intern duties will include but are not limited to:

- Assisting in the husbandry and handling of the animal collection. Including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates.
- Diet Preparation
- Record keeping
- Facility hygiene
- Interacting in a positive and educational way to all Zoo Guests on the daily basis.
- Enrichment
- Behavioral Conditioning

**Qualifications/Experience**

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Must be able to commit to a minimum of 20/hrs a week, but prefer 40 hrs/week
- Must be available for 12-17weeks
- Must be a current student (undergraduate or graduate), or recent graduate
- Excellent verbal and written skills.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- Experience working with animals.
- Animal enrichment
- Animal Husbandry
- Behavior modification

- Experience in record keeping.
- Experience in public speaking

**Work Environment**

The schedule for this internship may include week-ends, evenings and holidays. This position includes routine exposure to extreme heat, cold, or inclement weather. This position includes a high degree of public interaction with zoo guests of all ages. Applicant must exhibit strong professionalism and communication skills.

**Where to apply**

Interested applicants may send Cover Letter, Resume and 3 references to [contactus@texaszoo.org](mailto:contactus@texaszoo.org) with Animal Care Internship Application in the subject line of email. All materials are due no later than December 20th, 2017